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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION - COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES -

OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE

REF: USUN 1336

1. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES IN TWO MEETINGS DISCUSSED FOURTH EXCEPTION TO GENERAL PRINCIPLE THAT UN BODIES SHOULD MEET AT RESPECTIVE ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS, I.E., LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE. IN MEETING MAY 22, USREP (KELLER) PROPOSED THAT LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE BE DELETED FROM LIST OF EXCEPTIONS SINCE LITTLE WAS TO BE GAINED BY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING ALTERNATIVELY IN GENEVA AND NEW YORK. HE NOTED, ACCORDING TO INFO PROVIDED BY SECRETARIAT, THAT ESTIMATED SAVINGS IF COMMITTEE MET ONLY IN NEW YORK APPEARED TO TOTAL ABOUT \$35,000 ANNUALLY. SOVIETS SUPPORTED BY SEVRAL OTHERS DELS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

2. IN MEETING JUNE 4, SECRETARIAT PROVIDED FURTHER DETAILS. WHEN NO FURTHER COMMENT WAS MADE IN COMMITTEE, CHAIR ANNOUNCED THAT OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE SHOULD MEET AT ITS ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS (NEW YORK) AND DECISION WAS BASED

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ON RESOURCES IMPLICATION INVOLVED AND FINANCIAL SAVINGS

TO ORGANIZATION. CHAIR SAID THAT RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE
WOULD PROVIDE NECESSARY BACKGROUND INFORMATION. HE WOULD ALSO
BRING COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO ATTENTION OF OUTER SPACE
COMMITTEE WHICH WAS DUE TO MEET JUNE 9.

3. COMMENT: SURPRISINGLY, SOVIET REP POTRUBACH RAISED NO
OBJECTION TO COMMITTEE DECISION EVEN THOUGH IN PAST SOVIETS
HAD ARGUED STRONGLY FOR LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF OUTER SPACE
TO MEET IN GENEVA. WE HAD IMPRESSION THAT MANY MEMBERS OF
COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES THOUGHT THAT ROTATING LEGAL
SUB-COMMITTEE BETWEEN GENEVA AND NEW YORK WHILE SCIENTIFIC
SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ON OUTER SPACE MET ONLY IN
NEW YORK WAS ILLOGICAL AND COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED.
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